

River Run

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Young River People's Council Newsletter



Hualapai Youth Council hosts the YRPC to Harvest Prickly Pear Cactus in Grand Canyon

Our youth council had the chance to go to Peach Springs, AZ to pick prickly pear cactus with the Hualapai Youth Council. It was a great trip, the Hualapai reservation is very beautiful, we are thankful for their hospitality they showed. While we were there we made jam out of the fruit we picked. It was delicious and we got to share jars of jam with our families when we came home. In addition, the Hualapai Youth Council took us to the Colorado River to go swimming. Overall, it was a wonderful experience and I hope our youth council will continue to make positive connections with Hualapai in the future.

- Sommer Lopez



**New Pathways for Seniors
and Youth**

On September 16th and 23rd, Jacob Butler taught the YRPC and seniors the history and process of shell etching. The first Saturday we learned the history and significance that shells have to our people. On the second Saturday, we put our sketched out designs onto shells. I made a quail on my shell. It was a nice experience to mingle with the seniors while we worked on our shells. I look forward to do more projects for the New Pathways for Seniors and Youth.

- Nalani Lopez



**Shell Etching workshop
with Jacob Butler**



YRPC was interviewed by National Native News

On September 18th National Native News came to visit us at Two Waters. They interviewed Sommer Lopez, Ramon Lopez, Alyssa Andrews, and Victoria Maynard on our efforts to address substance abuse in the Community. They had also recorded us having a meeting and putting up one of our signs. We have not been informed of the release date of our interviews, but we will share it on our Facebook when we do. **You can find our Facebook @Young River People's Council—YRPC**



On Sept. 23, the YRPC continued their efforts in cleaning up the Community of whip-its. The youth council strives to clean up the C02 canisters so that the children in the Community do not think it is normal to see these on the road. The youth spent well over 2 hours cleaning up the roads and picked up many piles of whip-its but unfortunately didn't get far down the road.

- Sommer Lopez

YRPC Continues to Clean-up Trash and Whip-Its in Salt River

On Sept. 22, I had the pleasure of joining the Tribal Council and U.S. Congressman Ben Ray Lujan for lunch at Salt River Fields. It is not every day you get to meet a Congressman and it was a great experience. He talk about issues in Indian Country and gave me some pointers on how to be successful in an executive position. Congressman Lujan is from New Mexico and he said he very much enjoyed Ernie's Catering!

- Ramon Lopez



**Ramon with U.S. Congressman Ben Ray Lujan
From New Mexico**



**Future Inspired
Native American
Leaders attends
YRPC Meeting and
Presentation by
Gary Bohnee.**

**Dione was Gifted a
Blanket.**



On August 31st, we had a friendly meeting with the Future Inspired Native American leaders. At the meeting youth council members were able to collaborate together on how to be strong leaders for our people. The meeting was a stepping stone to help establish our relationship with other youth councils in the area. We look forward to working together with them on future events.

- Dione Dallas

At our last meeting, Angela Willeford from Legislative Affairs came to the youth council meeting to elaborate on get out the vote. Angela gave us a brief history on how Native Americans were not able to vote and when Native Americans became citizens.

- Gabby Fulwilder